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personnel; October 8, the British steamship *Hillfern*, in water ballast, for Port Tampa, with no passengers and no change in the crew personnel; on the same date the Brazilian steamship *São Paulo* for New York, the first trip of this vessel, with coffee, 15 cabin and 3 steerage passengers, and whole crew signed on in this the home port; October 9, the British steamship *Llangibby*, for Newport News, in water ballast, with no passengers and no change in the personnel of the crew, and on the same date the British steamship *Norman Prince*, for New York, with coffee, no passengers, and no change in the personnel of the crew.

Mortality reports for the city of Rio de Janeiro.

Week ended October 3, 1909: Total deaths, 227. No deaths nor cases due to yellow fever; 1 new case of smallpox; no cases nor deaths reported due to bubonic plague. At the close of the week there were in the Hospital São Sebastiao 5 cases of smallpox and 1 case of plague under treatment, and 33 cases of suspicious illness held for further observation.

Week ended October 10, 1909: Total deaths, 247. One case of plague and 2 cases of smallpox reported. At the close of the week there were in the Hospital São Sebastiao 6 cases of smallpox and 1 case of plague under treatment, and 30 cases of suspicious illness held for further observation.

BRITISH HONDURAS.

Report from Belize, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Mengis reports:

Week ended October 21.

Present officially estimated population, 10,000. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good. The prevailing disease is malaria.

Bills of health issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.
Oct. 15	Belize.....	Mobile.....	17	4	0
16	Belvernon.....	New Orleans.....	24	0	2
19	Heredia.....do.....	81	0	8

CHINA.

Report from Amoy—Inspection of vessels—Cholera and plague.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Foster reports, September 27:

Week ended September 25: One bill of health issued from this office.

September 19 the British steamship *Taisang*, with 65 in the crew and 16 cabin and 30 steerage passengers for Manila, was granted an original bill of health. Two Chinese were rejected, one for trachoma and one

for malarial fever. The crew and steerage passengers were bathed and their clothing was disinfected by steam. All on board were inspected at the time of sailing. Manifests were viséed for 79 pieces of freight. Vessel anchored in the stream while in port.

During the week ended September 25, 1909, there were 38 deaths from plague and 22 from cholera in Amoy.

Reports from Hongkong—Quarantine restrictions—Examination of emigrants—Inspection and fumigation of vessels.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Hough reports, September 28:

Week ended September 25.

Restrictions enforced by Hongkong remain as reported on July 17, 1909. The Government of Ceylon has removed the quarantine restrictions against Hongkong.

Aliens for Honolulu and Pacific coast ports.—Examined, 55; rejected, 9.

Aliens for Philippine Islands.—Examined, 8; rejected, 1.

Inspection and disinfection of vessels.

Vessels granted bills of health.....	10
Total members of crews.....	573
Total cabin passengers.....	101
Total steerage passengers.....	81
Members of crews bathed.....	525
Steerage passengers bathed.....	48
Pieces of baggage disinfected.....	573
Vessels disinfected to kill rats.....	3
Crews' quarters disinfected:	
By formaldehyde.....	6
By sulphur.....	2

COSTA RICA.

Reports from Limon, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Harris reports:

Week ended October 18. Estimated population, 8,000. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good. Prevailing diseases were uncinariasis, tuberculosis, and malaria.

Bills of health issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
Oct. 13	Atenas.....	88	6	31	0
15	Preston.....	29	1	0	0
15	Heredia.....	80	^a 19	^b 3	0
16	Esparta.....	44	6	0	0
17	Sarnia.....	55	47	3	0

^a To Belize and Barrios.

^b Two to New Orleans.

Week ended October 25. General sanitary condition of port and surrounding country same as reported for preceding week.